

# **Library Media Associations and Organizations**

**Alaska Library Association (AkLA)**

AkLA is a nonprofit professional organization for the employees, volunteers and advocates at academic, public, school and special libraries of all sizes in Alaska, and library products and services vendors.

The goal of the organization is to promote vibrant libraries which deliver outstanding services to their users, and to provide professional development opportunities.

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The Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association promotes excellence and leadership of health information professionals through education, research and communication; fosters the utilization of information systems and services in support of informed health care decision making; promotes cooperation among library/information services; and represents chapter members' interests to MLA and other groups and agencies.

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PNLA is an international association of information providers and advocates. Its members work in library and associated fields in Alberta, Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Activities of PNLA further the goals of cooperating and sharing, linkages and networking, continuing education and professional development, diversity and commonalities, shared perspectives and connectivity. PNLA publishes a journal (PNLA Quarterly) and sponsors a listserv.

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WACLL's mission is to provide the best possible service to the community, by connecting people to the information they need to effectively participate in the justice system.

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The WLA is a membership organization open to anyone who supports the organization's goals; promotion; promotion of library service, continuing education, and library advocacy for the people of Washington State.

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